

Cup hero returns

WANDERERS fans will come face-to-face with another hero of the past tomorrow when Jim Truett will perform the half time draw on the pitch at Adams Park.

Truett was the left half in the Blues' team that reached the FA Amateur Cup Final at Wembley in 1957 and is the second successive member of that famous side to perform the half time draw following goalkeeper Dennis Syrett who made his appearance during the Macclesfield match.

And Wanderers are hoping that Truett will bring Wycombe as much luck as Syrett did a fortnight ago when they crushed Paul Ince's visitors 3-0.

Truett played alongside brother Geoff against Bishop Auckland 50 years ago and both will be visiting Adams Park again on April 13 for the special anniversary reunion dinner in the Vere Suite. Along with fans who went to Wembley, the Truetts will be meeting up with seven old teammates who played at the famous old stadium - Dennis Syrett, Mike Wicks, Len Worley, Cliff Trott, Paul Bates, Jackie Tomlin and goalscorer Frank Smith.

● Tickets are on sale for the 1957 Reunion Dinner at Adams Park on April 13 priced at £30 from the ground or on 01494 455705

● There are also still tickets left for Ian Stonebridge's benefit dinner tomorrow.

The final humiliation

BLUES were forced to take a cold shower after their 3-0 defeat at Torquay United on Saturday.

Wycombe's promotion chasers were outclassed by the Football League's bottom club and the showers not work in the away dressing room afterwards was the final humiliation. Some braved the cold while others had to go into the victorious Torquay dressing room for a warm shower.

Boot on the other foot

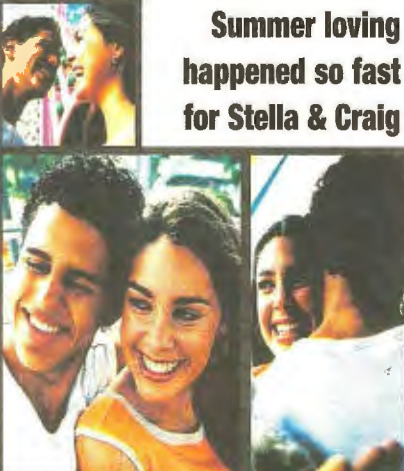
WYCOMBE gloried in the joy of holding Chelsea's millionaire superstars to a draw in the Carling Cup semi-final first leg - but the boot was on the other foot as they crashed 3-0 to a team that have had to wash their own kit all season.

Wanderers came a cropper against the league's bottom club Torquay United at the end of a week when the Devon club celebrated signing a deal with a local launderette and another deal with a company who will now give the players a set of club ties.

Travel Plan meeting

WYCOMBE Wanderers are due to hold their latest Travel Plan meeting on Thursday March, 22 at 7.30pm at Adams Park. For further information contact Richard Stanford, the club's safety officer.

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Easter keeps his place in the Wales squad

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WANDERERS striker Jermaine Easter has been named in the Wales squad for their Euro 2008 double header despite not having started any of the Chairboys last four matches.

The 22-goal ace feared he would miss out on John Toshack's squad for the Euro 2008 qualifiers for the games against the Republic of Ireland and San Marino because he has not started any of Wanderers' last four matches.

But Wales saw enough of the Adams Park sharp-shooter when he came on as a substitute against Northern Ireland to keep him in and Easter will link up with Ryan Giggs, Craig Bellamy and co after Blues' promotion clash against Walsall tomorrow.

Easter said: "It is a big relief to be in. I was chuffed to bits when I got a text message off the Welsh press telling me I was in."

"I had been worrying about it because I thought they might not select me because I hadn't been starting games for Wycombe. I thought they would think I had lost my sharpness."

Blues boss Paul Lambert has been keeping his chief goal-getter sidelined because he didn't want him to pick up his tenth booking of the season before the April 14 cut off point.

A booking before then will result in a two match ban.

But Easter has been told he will start against Walsall tomorrow and what's more Wanderers would be happy if is booked.

A card against Walsall would mean he will be conveniently suspended from club football at the time he is away on international duty with Wales.

If he's booked tomorrow he will miss the Bristol Rovers game on March 27 when he is away with Wales and also the six-pointer at Peterborough after that.

Easter said: "It has been a very frustrating time. I wasn't happy not playing and although I can

understand why I was left out I didn't like it."

"I just want to go out on Saturday against Walsall because I've got a point to prove."

"Some people have crept up on me at the top of the of the scorers table and I have now got some catching up to do because I want the Golden Boot award."

Easter, who scored in every round of the Carling Cup, is now looking forward again for the first time in a month and is eyeing international, domestic and individual glory as the season reaches its climax.

He said: "Hopefully I will get the opportunity to get one or two more caps. I loved every minute of being with Wales last time and I can't wait to get there again. Hopefully I can come on and prove I can play on the international stage."

With the golden boot still in sight, Wanderers chasing promotion and talk of the play-offs being moved to the new Wembley there is plenty left for Easter to play for this season.

Easter said: "It has been a good season so far but it is now that it really matters."

"We are reaching the business end of the season. We want to win promotion and six points for Wales would put us right back in the qualification hunt for Euro 2008 as well."

Blues boss Paul Lambert said: "It is brilliant for Jermaine that he is in the squad. Last year he couldn't score a goal here and now he is in the Welsh squad. That's due to his teammates. They have helped him along the way and his goalscoring is terrific."

"It didn't matter to me if he got picked or not for the squad. My main concern is Wycombe."



Heading for the big time: Jermaine Easter in action for Wales

Martin apologises to supporters

RUSSELL Martin insists the Blues won't blow up and miss out on promotion for a second season running even though the portents don't look good.

Wobbling Wycombe have managed just six wins in their last 19 league games - since reaching the Carling Cup quarter-final - and they hit their lowest point of the season when they were thrashed 3-0 by the Football League's bottom club Torquay United last week.

The Chairboys are now hanging onto the final play-off place by just three points and the trio of teams who are hoping to nick that final place off them are all in better form than Wycombe, who have managed just 24 points out of a possible last 57.

In their last six outings, Wycombe have averaged a reasonably healthy 1.67 points per match but the teams directly below them - Darlington, Peterborough and Shrewsbury - are really starting to apply the pressure by averaging 2.0 2.17 and two points per game respectively.

Wycombe still have all three of them to play this season and also face-off against three of the teams ahead of them in the league in the shape of tomorrow's opponents



Baffled: Boss Paul Lambert during Saturday's shocker

Walsall, leaders Hartlepool and MK Dons - all of whom have already beaten Wanderers this season.

And with ten games left Wanderers know there is no room for any more accidents last week's debacle at Torquay where The Chairboys looked more like a pub team than promotion chasers.

Martin publicly apologised for that shambles by the seaside and, after missing out on promotion last year because of a shocking end of season collapse, the former England youth international is determined it will not be a case of deja vu.

He said: "The Torquay game

wasn't good enough. We were rubbish to be honest and we can only apologise to the fans who made their way down to see us."

"I don't know where that performance came from. We weren't at the races. Their first goal seemed to unsettle us and we never got a grip after that."

"Every goal we conceded was a mistake and we've got to cut those mistakes out and defend as a team. We've got to forget it and move on."

"Everyone is gutted. We didn't expect to come to Torquay and lose 3-0 and if it wasn't for Ricardo in goal we could have lost by even more. But we've got to move on."

And he insists that Wanderers can bounce back against Walsall tomorrow and start off on a run that will taken them into the top three.

He said: "We're stronger this year and we still think we can get automatic promotion. Other results have gone for us and hopefully it's still within our grasp."

"We just want the Walsall match to get underway. We want to put the Torquay game right and hopefully we can."

"Walsall is a big game and we seem to excel in those big games and we need to on Saturday."